

new type necessary in many places, and there is need for a larger endowment and for a larger interest in the further education of the boys and girls; there is need for the consideration carefully of the plans of service for the future, both in internal reorganization in policy, as well as the general policy to be worked out by Boards of Directors and the Grand Lodge. The orphanage property today in permanent equipment, endowments, special funds and all of its assets, is approximately \$1,300,000, with an annual budget of approximately \$175,000, when expenditures for all purposes are considered.

At present there are 393 children here and the capacity will not soon be increased. The Board of Directors is composed of: J. W. Winborne, Grand Master, Marion; H. C. Alexander, Deputy Grand Master, Charlotte; Peter T. Wilson, Senior Grand Warden, Winston-Salem; Roy F. Ebbs, Junior Grand Warden, Asheville; A. B. Andrews, Raleigh; R. L. Flowers, Durham; T. A. Green, New Bern; R. C. Dunn, Enfield; S. M. Gattis, Hillsboro; Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., Concord; J. LeGrand Everett, Rockingham; Thomas J. Harkins, Asheville. Three of these are appointed by the Governor of North Carolina. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge is ex-officio member of the Board and is Chairman. The Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden are members of the Board ex-officio. Appropriations come to us from the state amounting to \$30,000 per year, and the Grand Lodge \$50,000 per year. The difference between this and the budget is made up from the income from endowments and investments and especially the voluntary gifts of Masons and friends.

The Oxford Orphanage has struggled upward through the years and although it is not grown,—and we hope will never be,—we feel that it is secure and permanent in the life of the Fraternity and the State. It is the pride of Masons of North Carolina and it will be the pride of all the people of the State. It is the recipient of love and admiration and of the gifts of a material sort from people throughout the commonwealth and of the approximately 4,500 who have come within its sheltering care. Many have, of course, passed into the Great Beyond; many are scattered o'er all the earth, and engaged in all pursuits. The Orphanage has failed in many respects, to be sure, but the mistakes are not of the heart. Some of her children have not turned out well, but most of them have. The orphanage gathered to her bosom and to her great loving heart these hundreds, has done the best she could, has saved for the State and Society, the Lord only knows how much in dollars and cents; has saved from sin and crime more than the world will ever know, and from this campus throughout the world a stream of life, carrying joy, happiness, culture, the will to work and to serve, has gone forth through the years.

The question has been asked, "What has Masonry done for the Oxford Orphanage, or what has North Carolina done for the Oxford Orphanage?" I close with this question, "What has the Oxford Orphanage done to, and for, Masonry; to, and for, the State of North Carolina?" May we pledge ourselves anew to the carrying forward of the work.

